

## GARDNER ITEMS

The Doings of the Week in this  
Lively DeSoto County Town

Miss Elsie Williamson, the charming daughter of Mrs. Williamson, of Arcadia, is visiting relatives here and will remain for several days.

Mr. Hub Simmons experienced quite a dilemma owing to his general manager's absence, Mr. Arch Hampton. The time lock to his safe failed, his recollection of the combination was so vivid that deductions from his many efforts proved nothing doing. Old Peat came to the rescue, sending Wm. R. Wooten, of the Cary Safe Co., who gracefully performed the act and Hub is smiling and shouting again.

Capt. T. E. Fielder and Mr. Arch Aampton have embarked for the Everglades to observe the habits of the native game found there. Few nimrods are greater devotees of the sport.

The old reliable "Dick" Watkins, of nursery and horticulture fame is among us talking orange trees etc. Dick is a jolly good fellow.

Mr. Harry Hendry is visiting his sister, Mrs. Fielder. Harry is a manly fellow girls, and a snowflake on a dewdrop that is seldom found.

Our church services continue with unabated interest. Good sermons and singing are very attractive. We trust these meetings will result in material benefit. Our merchants often close their business up to facilitate interest and attendance.

Miss Edna Hollingsworth, of Brownville, was visiting here today, as delightful as ever, at least one of our young bachelors presumes so.

Mrs. Holl Johnston, accompanies her sister, Miss Olivette Boggess, and niece, AnaLula Gates daughter to the Convent at St. Augustine to continue their studies. Miss Olivette is surprisingly proficient in music beyond her years and is very enthusiastic in this accomplishment. We venture the prediction, with the proper encouragement this young lady will make an expert. From our knowledge no better institution can be selected for young girls.

Grandma Johnston has been on a visit to her son Holl. Mrs. Johnston was the wife of Dr. Johnston, now deceased. She is a very intelligent old lady, and expects to visit her other son for a while.

Another incident in the use of a kerosene lamp around the household that was very near proving a very serious accident. Mrs. Fielder's house-keeper at supper time left the lamp in her room up stairs burning very low, remaining at her duties down stairs for some time, returning up stairs to her room found the lamp in flames. She immediately called for assistance. Fortunately, Mr. Harry Hendry was in the house and threw the lamp into the yard, striking upon the brick walk, smashing to pieces and scattering the burning oil upon Capt. Fielder's fine bird dog, Sort. His pitiful howling indicated his injuries, we hope they are not serious.

Mrs. Doctor Eobley, from Zolfo, was visiting Mrs. Hub Simmons, her sister. They attended church together. Mrs. Mobley has returned home.

Mr. Roberts is preparing the orange packing house for early business. Field boxes are being repaired and some new machinery to be added for this season.

Mr. Lester Boggess made a flying visit to his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Boggess. He has been fishing off Punta Gorda for two months. Lester is a fine young man and his parents are rightfully proud of him.

Miss Mike Coker, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Coker and organist for the Baptist church, was taken suddenly ill Saturday evening. The young lady, ever since receiving the severe electric shock something like a year ago, has been susceptible to these atmospheric conditions. Pleased to mention her recovery again.

Mr. McEwen, of Wauchula, of firm McEwen & Bateman, insurance agents, was interviewing Gardnerites upon fire protection.

Mr. Bert Royal is off on an extended visit to North Carolina may be absent one week or longer.

Our Baptist Church revival meeting, by popular expression from its members Sunday night voted the continuance of meeting at nights only for this week. Bro. Walden and Turnley have been doing some good work. The excessive warm weather has not deterred them in the least. Eight new members were baptized Sunday in Peace River near the bridge. Bro. Walden performed the ceremony. Those baptised were: Miss Mamie Parks, Arcadia, Miss Annie Williams, Gardner, Mrs. Wm. Stone, Wm. Stone, Miss Ida Stone, W. B. Sealey, Lube Mercer, Dave Whidden, and two members were accepted at the evening service. There were quite a number to witness the ceremony from all parts of the county.

The morning service was appreciated very much. Bro. Turnley officiated. The great number of visitors tested the capacity of our new church house, which is very roomy. The attendance was placed at probably 250. Considerable interest is manifested in the meetings.

Brother Turnley left us on Monday, it being necessary for his return to Dade City. We appreciate very much Bro. Turnley's interest in our meeting. The people express much pleasure in his visit and hope for another visit soon.

Brother Walden continues the meeting, obtaining more encouragement at each service. Bro. White gives a helping hand when necessary.

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(Held over from last week.)

Captain Fielder's little son had a very narrow escape from a serious injury. He fell from the piazza over two boards placed at entrance, rolling down the steps to brick walk below, bruising his face very badly. Pleased to advise her entire recovery from the injury.

Mrs. Fred Langford, of Wauchula, visited our town last Sunday for the purpose of assisting at the opening of our public school, but owing to some misunderstanding the appointed having resigned seemed to cause a postponement of its opening. The accomplished young lady learning the facts in the case returned to her home. The patrons trust that Mrs. Langford will be one of the teachers.

The fascinating game of checkers seem very popular with our community. Its continued pursuit will develop some very peculiar expressions in its advocates. Col. Back Simmons says all is over but the shouting. Captain Fielder advises his opponent to move on up or if he's a little slow give him a pencil. His hearty laugh, when successful, is indicative of his opponents defeat. Mr. Royal, of the firm of Royal & Phillips, who is a new devotee of the game, is a very handsome young bachelor.

The A. C. L. is well represented by Captain Altman, who is section foreman here, and a very difficult player to defeat. Captain Boggess is also an admirer of the ancient game, in fact old and young get down to a level and compete for the supremacy.

Our genial bachelor, Mr. Royal, is having the property adjacent to his dwelling and his still and negro quarters set out in one immense orange grove. Old reliable Dick Wadkins is executing the work.

A young negro boy named Dare Williams while wrestling in the woods with a man he was working with broke both bones of his left leg. His limb was given attention by his physician. The boy is doing very nicely.

Misses Johnson and Sealey and Bailey have been meandering around the county for several days. We hope not in quest of perpetual youth. They seem much improved from their recreation but a little jaded.

Miss Olivett Boggess has been quite ill having received a heat stroke. We are pleased to advise through good attention the charming little lady is herself again.

Mr. Rascoe, who plays Armour, Cudahy etc. to our little burg, injured his hand in some manner, which was getting to look badly, our good meats and poultry kept coming all the same and that member is again in harness.

Brothers Sealey and Johnson have considerable business towards Zolfo. Wonder what it might be. They return with a broad "smile" and very mysterious air when interviewed.

W. W. Langford, of Arcadia, is a constant visitor among us. We wish Mr. W. luck and are pleased to have him often.

Captain Fielder was off prospecting a few days lately. Returning late one night hungry, tired and discouraged (fisherman's luck). Hope to try it soon again. Better luck next time Cap!

Mrs. Roberts' little children gave an entertainment to their school mates in the afternoon. It was a cheerful view to note their enjoyment health and growing appetites.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger visited Mrs. Fielder Monday. Mr. Granger is a Gardnerite now having bought a very fine piece of property east of here containing a bearing grove.

Mrs. Williams, of Arcadia, was visiting her small brother and family this week. Mrs. Williams is a very interesting conversationalist and possesses the happy faculty of expressing incidents in a very whimsical manner.

Some of our young men overflowing with health and good will tho noisier were accused of participating in the O be joyful. We are pleased to chronicle the fact that they denied the allegation.

Our adjourned church meeting is again with us. Brothers Baldwin and Turnley from Dade City are conducting the protracted meeting. The people close their stores that they may participate. We are accomplishing much good. Services a. m. p. m. and night.

Mr. Simmons little son Carl gave an interesting entertainment to his young friends in the afternoon. All enjoyed the occasion very much and pounded him well. Give the

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